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[1](#)1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.
[1](#)2. (SBU) Since post reported in Ref B on Turkmenistan's
initiatives to broaden access to dial-up Internet services,
the government has not announced any tenders for Internet
equipment or service providers. President Berdimuhamedov has
not recently voiced support for the expansion of high-speed
Internet. The president last made a show of support for
Internet in April 2008 in his call for "Internet access in
every home, school, and kindergarten," following which the
Ministry of Communications signed a contract worth \$427,000
to purchase high-speed Internet equipment and to lease
bandwidth from British and Lithuanian companies.
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